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ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION  
 FOR WEEK ENDING 22-Oct-05 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	CURRENT WEEK	PREVIOUS WEEK
	10/22/05	10/15/05
Broiler/fryer	168,259	169,102
Light hens	1,051	1,369
Heavy hens	1,438	1,535

U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN CANADA

	WEEK ENDING 15-Oct-05 (THOUSAND HEAD)		
	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	197	2	199
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	136	18	154
Same week yr ago	82	0	82
To-date/2005	10,673	60	10,733
To-date/2004	9,871	98	9,969

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, POULTRY DEVELOPMENT DIVISION

Total U. S. fowl slaughter in the U. S. and Canada

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL
Head	1,519	1,503	3,022
Head sltr Comparisons			
Last Week	1,386	1,463	2,849
Same week yr ago	1,387	1,522	2,909
To-date/2005	70,517	58,155	128,672
To-date/2004	65,750	55,622	121,372

LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION  
 WEEK ENDING 15-OCTOBER-05 (THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG CHICKENS	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
Head	164,748	1,322	1,501	2,823
Avg Wt	5.50	3.31	7.98	5.79
Head sltr comparisons				
Last week	166,544	1,250	1,445	2,695
Same wk yr ago	161,485	1,305	1,522	2,827
Avg Wt	5.46	3.34	7.81	5.75
To-date/2005	6,614,426	59,844	58,095	117,939
To-date/2004	6,430,183	55,879	55,524	111,403

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was 161.8 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period 166.7 million head or 4.9 million more than estimated available.

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION,  
CLASSIFIED BY LIVE WEIGHT, WEEK ENDING 08-Oct-05

	(A) FAST FOOD/FOOD SERVICE 4.20 LBS & DOWN	(B) RETAIL 4.21-5.25 LBS	(C) DEBONING 5.26 LBS & UP
	-----THOUSANDS-----		
Head	24,713	19,658	57,628
Avg Weight	3.77	4.68	6.39
% of total /1	24%	19%	56%
Last week	28,034	15,448	56,672
Avg Weight	3.87	4.67	6.27
% of total /1	28%	15%	57%
Same week, yr ago /2	18,335	17,184	45,156
Avg Weight	3.80	4.75	6.34
% of total /1	23%	21%	56%
To date/2005	1,088,603	890,072	1,984,569
To date/2004	1,039,467	853,318	1,831,990

/1 MAY NOT TOTAL TO 100% DUE TO ROUNDING

/2 COMPARABLE WEEK

- (A) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the fast food and food service industries. May also include Cornish hens.
- (B) This weight class generally denotes chickens marketed in the retail industry.
- (C) This weight class generally denotes chickens used in further processing. May also include heavy roasters sold in retail channels.

LIVE TURKEYS SLAUGHTERED WEEK ENDING 15-Oct-05  
(THOUSAND HEAD)

	YOUNG (B)		YOUNG	OLD	
	HENS	TOMS	BREEDERS	BREEDERS	TOTAL
Head	1,864	2,660	30	5	4,559
Avg Wt	16.66	35.94	25.32	36.72	27.99
Head sltr comparisons					
Last week	1,955	2,749	13	9	4,726
Same wk yr ago	1,515	2,624	40	8	4,187
Avg Wt	16.00	36.18	24.89	30.54	28.76
To-date/2005	72,654	105,869	971	182	179,676
To-date/2004	70,552	104,803	2,120	300	177,775

SOURCE: USDA/AMS POULTRY PROGRAMS, MARKET NEWS BRANCH.  
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